



Monthly Memo

December 2017

Documenting events, activities and projects for the Arts Commission

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Update from the Acting Executive Director

As we say goodbye to 2017, I would like to take a moment and thank each of you for your ongoing support of the work of the Arts Commission. Through collaborations and partnerships, the Arts Commission has been actively involved in efforts to address regional challenges and opportunities including juvenile justice, homelessness, and cultural equity and inclusion. From civic art projects that reimagine how people connect with their physical environment, to arts education that redefines how children learn, we see the transformative and unifying impact of the arts on Los Angeles County's diverse and vibrant communities.

A special acknowledgement to our commissioners, whose dedication to arts and culture in LA County is limitless. We are fortunate to have you.



This month, the Board of Supervisors appointed Kristin Sakoda as the new Executive Director of the Arts Commission. Kristin joins us on February 15, 2018. Many of our staff members have worked with Kristin while in her current role at the New York City Department of Cultural Affairs. We look forward to welcoming her to Los Angeles County! From all of us at the Arts Commission, Happy New Year.

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Arts Education

On December 8, The Arts Now: LA County Arts Education Summit marked 15 years of coordinated efforts in arts education for the County, and was co-presented by the LA County Arts Ed Collective, the California Alliance for Arts Education, Arts for LA and the Los Angeles County Arts Commission. Two hundred arts educators, school district administrators, funders and community arts partners convened at the Japanese American National Museum. The event was part of the statewide Arts Now Campaign, which works to shed light on school districts and counties that are currently working to improve the quality of student education through the arts, and to encourage others to prioritize arts education in a K-12 educational setting. Speakers included Ann Burroughs, President and CEO; Japanese American National Museum, Genethia Hudley Hayes, education deputies for Supervisor Sheila Kuehl, Third District, Alex Johnson, President, LA County Board of Education; Supervisor Hilda Solis, First District and Denise Grande, Director of Arts Education at the LA County Arts Commission. Supervisor Solis presented an honorary scroll to The Arts Ed Collective and California Alliance for Arts Education for continued leadership and dedication to arts education in the region. The celebration also featured student's art work, performing jazz music and dance.



Denise Grande and Supervisor, First District Hilda Solis

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Arts Education



Students from Marshall Fundamental Secondary School Jazz Band

Civic Art

Artesia Library Dedication

The community of Artesia celebrated the dedication of their new library and the site specific artwork, Lady Artesia, by artist Sonia Romero who was presented a scroll by Supervisor Janice Hahn. Reflecting the diversity of the Artesia community and the important contribution of water in the development of the city, the artwork depicts a compressed, multilayered visual timeline of the city's past, present and future. The ceramic tile composition features a blue and white vignettes of people surrounding a central female figure meant to embody Artesian well water—the primary natural resource for early Artesian farming and dairy settlers. Influenced by Portuguese and Spanish Azulejo tile, Mexican Talevera tile, and Chinese and Middle Eastern porcelain wares, Ms. Romero chose the reoccurring blue and white ceramic color composition to represent the city's intense diversity and to highlight Dutch and Portuguese farmers who settled Artesia and the surrounding areas into flourishing dairy districts.



Artesia Library Dedication, artist Sonia Romero and school students from the community

Civic Art

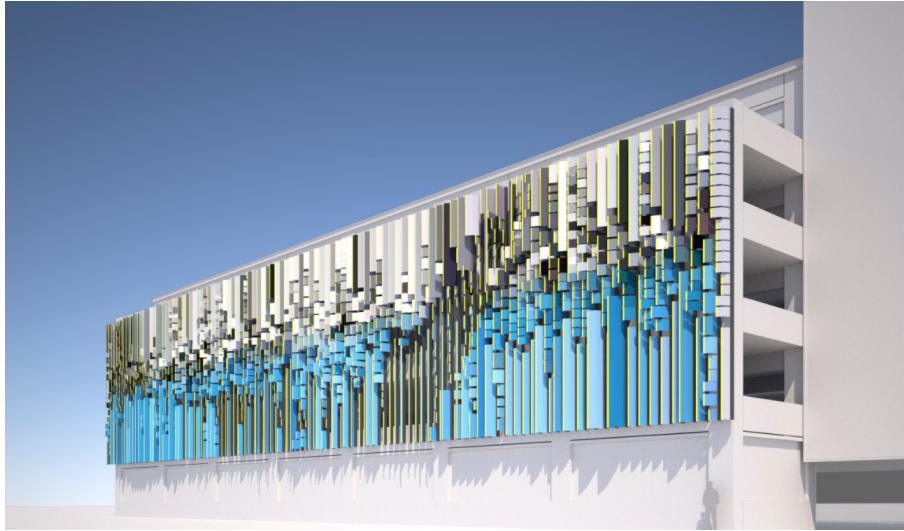
MLK East Parking Structure Artwork Fabrication Site Visit

The Martin Luther King Jr. East Parking Structure project team visited the Carlson Arts workshop to see artist Rob Ley's sculpture in fabrication. This large scale artwork measures approximately 32'x102'x2' and will cover three floors of the structure's front façade facing Wilmington Avenue. The artwork consists of 22 panels covered with over 2,800 aluminum fins in varying angles and sizes.



Carlson Arts workshop, artist Rob Ley's sculpture in fabrication.

Civic Art



Martin Luther King Jr. East Parking Structure, artist Rob Ley's rendering

Part of the Solution: YES to ADU Workshop with SCANPH at CDC

In collaboration with the Community Development Commission (CDC) and the Southern California Association of Nonprofit Housing (SCANPH), the Civic Art team held a public workshop at CDC to provide background information and discuss guidelines for the *Part of the Solution: YES to ADU* design competition. Panelists included Mayen Alcantara and Iris Anna Regn, Civic Art; Jen Lee, CEO; Larry Newnam, CDC; Ayala Scott, DRP; Gary Paige, USC; Orhan Ayyuce, East Los Angeles College; Elizabeth Timme, LAMas. The workshop and discussion was attended by architects, artists, homeowners, lenders, and colleagues at DPW



Grants and Professional Development

Community Impact Arts Grant

The 2018 Community Impact Arts Grant (CIAG) program received 59 applications. These applications were reviewed in four grant review panels comprised of artists, arts and nonprofit professionals and community stakeholders in early December. Panel presentations to the Arts Commissioner's will take place in January 2018.

Organizational Grant Program

There were 244 applications received for the 2018-19 Organizational Grant Program. Sixteen grant review panels comprised of artists, arts administrators and community stakeholders are being assembled to review and score OGP applications during the months of January through March 2018.

On December 9, the Arts Commission held an Arts Tune-Up at the Ken Miller Recreation Center in Torrance. Approximately 50 artists and arts administrators attended. Topics included Budgeting Basics, Grant writing Strategies for Emerging Nonprofits, Equity and Inclusion, and Creative Conflict Resolution.



ARTS COMMISSION: January 2018 UPCOMING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

If you would like more information about these events or would like to attend, please contact Miriam Gonzalez at mgonzalez@arts.lacounty.gov or (213) 202-5858.

Date	Time	Event	Location
January 8	10:00 am – 12:00 pm	Commission Meeting	LA County Arts Commission 1055 Wilshire Blvd. Suite 800 Los Angeles, CA 90017